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SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION

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1. "EL MERCURIO" OF MAY 4 CARRIES WIRESTORY (LATIN)
ON DINGES/KRAUSE INTERVIEW WITH MARIANA CALLEJAS THAT
APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST MAY 3. CALLEJAS IS REPORTED
AS SAYING THAT HUSBAND MICHAEL TOWNLEY WAS CHOSEN BY GOC
SECRET POLICE TO PLAN LETELIER ASSASSINATION AND THAT HE
HAS IMPLICATED SOME TEN OTHER PEOPLE.

2. SENSATIONALIST "LA SEQUUNDA" THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 4
HEADLINES DENIAL BY CALLEJAS THAT SHE MADE STATEMENTS AT-
TRIBUTED TO HER BY WASHINGTON POST REPORTERS. THE INSIDE
STORY IS SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL. ON THE ONE HAND CALLEJAS
CLAIMS THAT SHE NEVER MADE SOME OF THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED
TO HER BY KRAUSE AND DINGES AND, SPECIFICALLY THE
STATEMENT THAT TOWNLEY WAS CHOSEN TO PLAN THE ASSAS-
SINATION OF LETELIER AND THAT THE ORDER WAS GIVEN BY
MANUEL CONTRERAS. ON THE OTHER, SHE CONFIRMED TO THE
"LA SEGUNDA" REPORTER THAT TOWNLEY HAD CONFESSED TO
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PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSASSINATION AND THAT HE HAD
IMPLICATED TEN OTHER PEOPLE (BUT WITHOUT SPECIFYING
WHETHER THEY WERE CHILEANS OR CUBANS).

3. COMMENT: MARIANA CALLEJAS SPEAKS A GREAT DEAL
BUT NOT ALWAYS CONSISTENTLY. LOCAL REPORTING ON THE
SAME INTERVIEW THAT KRAUSE AND DINGES APPARENTLY AT-

TENDED (REFTEL) WAS WORDED A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUSLY
THAN THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE.
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